85 The media

A Media questionnaire

1 What do you **watch on TV / the internet?**
- a ☐ **the news**
- b ☐ **crime drama**
- c ☐ films
- d ☐ nothing

2 Why do people read a **newspaper** or look at the news online?
- a ☐ to **find out** what has **happened**
- b ☐ because it has interesting **articles**
- c ☐ for the sports results
- d ☐ for the business **news**

3 What do you **listen to on the radio**?
- a ☐ the news
- b ☐ music **programmes**
- c ☐ something else
- d ☐ nothing

4 Do you **believe** what you read or hear in the news?
- a ☐ yes, **all** of it
- b ☐ **most** of it
- c ☐ **some** of it
- d ☐ no, **none** of it

GLOSSARY

the news [U]	a TV or radio programme about important things happening in the world. **News** [U] is information about things that have just happened.
crime drama	a police story on TV
newspaper	e.g. *The Times, The Washington Post* ALSO **paper**
find out	get information or facts about sth
happen	take place: *We don't know what will **happen** tomorrow.*
article	a piece of writing in a newspaper or magazine, or on the internet
on TV / on the radio	(NOT ~~*in TV / in the radio*~~) ALSO **in the (news)paper**
programme	a TV/radio show, e.g. the news, a comedy
believe	think that sth is true
all (of sth)	100%
most (of sth)	80%
some (of sth)	30-50%
none (of sth)	0%

SPOTLIGHT *watch, see, listen, hear*

We **watch TV**, but we **see** or **watch a programme, a film**, etc.
We **listen to the radio**, but we **hear a programme** or **listen to a programme**.

1 Circle the correct answer. – means that no word is needed.

▶ See ⊖/ ***to*** the film.
1 Read an article ***on*** / ***in*** the paper.
2 Let's listen to ***the*** / ***a*** news.
3 Watch a programme ***in*** / ***on*** TV.
4 Find – / ***out*** what has happened.
5 I heard it ***in*** / ***on*** the radio.
6 See the ***programme*** / ***article*** on TV.
7 Did you hear – / ***to*** the sports results?
8 I heard all – / ***of*** it.
9 I bought ***a newspaper*** / ***the news***.
10 I watched most – / ***of*** it.
11 There's a new ***crime*** / ***news*** drama.

2 Complete the dialogues.

▶ I always *read* a paper at the weekend. ~ But do you read *all* of it?
1 Did you _____ TV last night? ~ Yes, I _____ a programme about dogs.
2 I read the story but I don't _____ it's true. ~ No, _____ of it is true. It's completely false.
3 Have you heard the _____ ? ~ No, what's _____ ?
4 Did you _____ to the radio this morning? ~ Yes, I _____ the 8 o'clock news.
5 What's in the _____ this morning? ~ I don't know – I never buy one.
6 What did you watch _____ TV? ~ A new crime _____ . It was good.
7 What did you listen _____ ? ~ Oh, nothing interesting.
8 Did you see anything on Saturday? ~ Yeah, a _____ about climate change.

3 ABOUT YOU **Read the questionnaire again. Tick (✓) your answers, or write a different answer. If possible, ask another student.**

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B Media vocabulary

Word	Example	Meaning
media	*The **media** often write about famous people.*	TV, radio, newspapers, magazines and the internet
magazine	*Do you read women's **magazines**?*	something you can buy every week or month, e.g. *Time, National Geographic*
opinion	*What's your **opinion** of this story?*	what you think about sth
report	*Journalists **report** the news from all over the world.*	give information on the news. The person is a **reporter/journalist.**
event	*The Olympic Games is a very big **event**.*	something important that happens. It can be good or bad.
die	*Nobody **died** in the accident.*	stop living
war	*The two countries were **at war** for ten years.*	fighting between countries or groups of people. When a **war** ends, there is **peace**.
disaster	*The tsunami was a terrible **disaster**.*	something very bad that happens, often when a lot of people die
celebrity (*pl* **celebrities**)	*There were a lot of **celebrities** at the first night of the film.*	a famous person, usually from TV, film or sport
advertisement (ALSO **advert/ad** *inf*)	*There are too many **adverts** on TV and in the papers.*	text, a picture or a short film which tries to sell you sth

4 **Is the meaning of the sentences the same or different? Write *S* or *D*.**

▶ What do the media say about him? / What does the newspaper say about him? D
1 There is peace between the two groups. / There is war between the two groups. .....
2 What's your opinion of the news? / What do you think of the news? .....
3 It was a great event. / It was a great advertisement. .....
4 I read a magazine article. / I read a newspaper article. .....
5 He is reporting from Seoul. / He is a journalist working in Seoul. .....
6 I saw it in an ad. / I saw it in an advertisement. .....
7 She's a TV celebrity. / She's on TV a lot. .....
8 Where did he live? / Where did he die? .....
9 She's a good reporter. / She's a good journalist. .....

5 **Complete the text with words from the table in the correct form.**

The ▶ media is TV, radio, newspapers, **(1)** ..... and the internet. The media **(2)** ..... important **(3)** ..... from around the world, for example, **(4)** ..... like the Asian Tsunami, or **(5)** ..... between different countries. As well as reporting the news, the media give their **(6)** ..... of events round the world. And, of course, **(7)** ..... also like to write about **(8)** ..... such as Taylor Swift and Usain Bolt, and so on.

6 ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY **Write your answers, or ask another student.**

1 What has happened in the news this week? .....
2 What has been an important event in the last five years? .....
3 Do you usually get news from TV, radio, newspapers or the internet? .....
4 Can you think of a popular TV advert now? .....
5 Can you name a famous TV news reporter? .....

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